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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

Please register my support for the proposed settlement of the Microsoft litigation. While I support the proposed settlement, I thought the entire litigation was absurd and a situation where certain competitors were successful in convincing the government that the government should try to even the playing field when the competition could not win by competition. The litigation should not have been commenced in the first place.

Like so many other so-called "senior citizens" (those over 65, I guess) before the Microsoft Windows program came out, I had no idea how to operate a computer or to even turn it on. After Windows came out, I found that operating a computer was easy for one who knows virtually nothing about computers. Because of the ease of operating the computer brought about by Microsoft for the general public, the company should be given credit for helping the public rather than attempting to punish Microsoft for becoming successful and bringing the world of computers to people like me.

Do not let anyone convince you that Microsoft has done anything bad for the public because that is not true. The opposite is true.

Now that the government and most states have agreed to settle the litigation, the settlement should be approved. The government should go about performing governmental functions and the competition should go about trying to make a better product for the public.

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